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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO SWEDEN

1. KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER MUNYA WAIYAKI PAID A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO STOCKHOLM AUGUST 7-8 AS THE GUEST OF FM KAREN SODER. MRS. SODER HAD VISITED NAIROBI IN 1977.
 2. SWEDISH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO KENYA WAS THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WITH GOS OFFICIALS. WAIYAKI, ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES, MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER THE 1978 LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO KENYA OF 90 MILLION CROWNS (US\$1-SKR 4.42 ON AUG. 8). WAIYAKI EXPLAINED THAT INFLATION
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IN KENYA HAD PLAYED HAVOC WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND THAT SEVERAL SWEDISH-SPONSORED PROJECTS IN RURAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AMONG OTHERS, REQUIRED ADDITIONAL FUNDING. WAIYAKI WAS TOLD THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THERE COULD BE NO INCREASES IN SWEDISH FUNDING. NOT ONLY WAS THE SWEDISH ECONOMY IN THE THROES OF A RECESSION, BUT HAVING REACHED THE ONE PERCENT OF GNP

GOAL IN TOTAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT SWEDEN COULD INCREASE AID TO ANY CURRENT RECIPIENT.

3. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, WAIYAKI AND SODER, ACCORDING TO AN MFA SOURCE, REVIEWED CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA AND DISCOVERED LARGE AREAS OF AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SITUATIONS IN NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. THERE WAS SLIGHT DIFFERENCES OF VIEW REGARDING THE HORN OF AFRICA, HOWEVER, WITH WAIYAKI EXPRESSING LITTLE REGARDING THE HORN OF AFRICA, HOWEVER, WITH WAIYAKI EXPRESSING LITTLE CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. WAIYAKI ALSO QUESTIONED SOMALIAN MOTIVES FOR "MAINTAINING A 10,000 MAN FORCE NORTH OF THE KENYAN BORDER." WAIYAKI EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL CONFLICTS IN THE HORN MIGHT BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS SINCE CONTINUING UNREST IN THE AREA COULD EASILY HAVE A SPINOFF EFFECT ON KENYA.

4. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, WHERE MAIYAKI APPARENTLY CAME ACROSS TO JOURNALISTS AS A VERY CANDID AND OPENMINDED SPOKESMAN, WAIYAKI; SAID THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE THAT AN INTERNAL SOLUTION COULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN RHODESIA AND THAT THE ONLY CHANCE FOR PEACE THERE WOULD COME THROUGH AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT PLAN; SAID THAT HE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA, EMPHASIZING THAT THE CUBANS AND THE RUSSIANS CAME TO AFRICA AT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITATION OF AFRICANS AND THAT BOTH WOULD LEAVE "WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO SO"; AND SAID THAT, DESPITE MARKEDLY DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES, KENYA SUPPORTS THE MILITARY JUNTA IN ADDIS ABABA GIVEN THEIR COMMON CONCERN, SOMALIA, WHICH CLAIMS LAND AREAS IN BOTH ETHIOPIA AND KENYA. ANSWERING A QUESTION ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN KENYA, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING THE JAILED AUTHOR NGUGI WA THIONGO, WAIYAKI DENIED THAT NGUGI WAS IN PRISON BECAUSE OF HIS CURRENT POLITICAL VIEWS BUT FOR HAVING WRITTEN A PLAY IN WHICH DIFFERENCES AMONG COMPETING GROUPS IN THE MAU MAU ERA WERE EMPHASIZED.

5. COMMENT: AS IN THE CASE OF MOST VISITING AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND LIBERATION MOVEMENT OFFICIALS, THE MAIN DISCUSSIONS WITH WAIYAKI REVOLVED AROUND THE QUESTION OF INCREASED SWEDISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE EMBASSY FOUND OF SOME INTEREST THE OBSERVATION OF AN MFA SOURCE THAT CURRENT LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE TO KENYA AND OTHER TRADITIONAL RECIPIENTS WOULD NOT LIKELY BE INCREASED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT TOTAL SWEDISH ASSISTANCE IS UNLIKELY TO RISE ABOVE THE ONE PERCENT OF GNP FIGURE.

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